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H.B. No. 3781

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 3781:

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C.S.H.B. No. 3781

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the uses of the lifetime license endowment account by
3 the Parks and Wildlife Department.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 11.063, Parks and Wildlife Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 Sec. 11.063. USES OF ACCOUNT. To the extent allowed by
8 federal law, money in the lifetime license endowment fund and
9 interest [~~Interest~~] earned on the lifetime license endowment
10 account may be used only for the purpose of managing the fish and
11 wildlife resources of this state, as follows [~~to~~]:

12 (1) acquiring [~~acquire~~] public hunting and fishing
13 areas; [~~and~~]

14 (2) developing, managing, and repairing [~~develop,~~
15 ~~manage, and repair~~] public hunting and fishing areas; and

16 (3) making capital expenditures related to fisheries
17 and wildlife resources, including:

18 (A) land acquisition;

19 (B) construction; and

20 (C) the purchase of:

21 (i) transportation items;

22 (ii) equipment; and

23 (iii) information technology resources.

24 SECTION 2. Section 11.064, Parks and Wildlife Code, is

1 amended to read as follows:

2 Sec. 11.064. RESTRICTIONS. (a) No expenditure
3 ~~[expenditures]~~ shall be made from the principal of the lifetime
4 license endowment account if that expenditure would lower the
5 unencumbered balance of the principal of the account below \$20
6 million ~~[except as provided by law]~~.

7 (b) The interest earnings on and principal in the lifetime
8 license endowment account may not be used to pay salaries or
9 employee benefits.

10 (c) The interest earnings on the lifetime license endowment
11 account may be used for any purpose described by Section [11.063](#).

12 (d) The principal in the lifetime license endowment account
13 may be used only for the purpose described by Section [11.063](#)(3).

14 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.